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As a below named inventor, I declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at Item 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural names are listed below at Items 201 et. seq. of subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the invention entitled:

**REPETITION LEVER FOR GRAND PIANO**

which is described and claimed in:

**101** ☒ the attached specification ☐ the specification in application Serial No. filed  
(for declaration not accompanying application papers)

and (if applicable) amended on

**102** ☒ international (PCT) application No. PCT/JP2004/15064 filed 13/10/2004 and as amended on (if any)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit of priority, under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed in Item 103 below and have also identified in Item 103 below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any U.S. application(s) listed in Item 105 below. If this application is a continuation-in-part, insofar as the subject matter of any of the claims thereof is not disclosed in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in Item 105 below in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior U.S. application(s) identified in Item 105 below and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

| 103 | FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 (6 if a Design) MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION THE PRIORITY OF WHICH WHERE PERMITTED IS HEREBY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119 |                    |                                      |                  |    |
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